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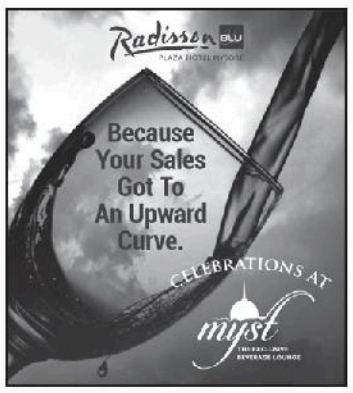


Wait for piped gas project to get longer

- No MCC Council meeting this month to discuss project as Mayor's term ends on Feb. 23
- Reservation matrix for Mayoral poll, co-operation between Corporators crucial factors

Mysuru, Feb. 3 (RK&BCT)- The wait for the ambitious Piped Natural Gas (PNG) project launched by the Centre to be implemented in Mysuru city has just got longer as the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Council approval, a mandatory process is unlikely anytime soon. Reason: The Mayoral term is coming to an end and a new Mayor has to be elected for the Council to reconvene and approve the project after a thorough discussion.

The gas pipeline project that aims to provide piped gas direct to homes has been mired in controversy ever since it was planned to be introduced as a 'special subject' for discussion in the Council meeting held on Jan. 17. Even before the MCC approval, the Company had begun digging roads and had set up gas plants on the city outskirts.

What started as an objection from a section of Corporators who opposed the introduction of the 'special subject', ended up in a war of words between BJP MLAs L. Nagendra, S.A. Ramdas and MP Pratap Simha over road digging and damage repair.

The leaders, especially Nagendra and Simha, exchanged words and resorted to even personal attacks over the issue. Even Congress contributed to the issue by alleging that the BJP leaders were fighting for plum commission. The Council meeting on Jan. 27 afternoon, the last one for the incumbent Mayor Sunanda Palanetra, was cancelled due to lack of quorum, with many Corporators staying away from the meeting. The meeting was scheduled to discuss the gas pipeline project.

(See PIPED GAS on page 6)

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Thursday 3rd February 2022

School enrolment declined significantly for children aged 6-14 years: Economic Survey

New Delhi, Feb. 3 (UNI)- The COVID-19 pandemic affected lakhs of Schools and Colleges across India and has had a significant impact on the education system, according to the Economic Survey 2021-22.

The survey tabled by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the Parliament on Monday showed a decline in School enrolment for children aged 6-14 years increased to 4.6 per cent during the COVID-19 pandemic from 2.5 per cent calculated in 2018. The enrolment decline was observed relatively large among children aged 7-10 years and noted higher among younger boys, the survey added.

Meanwhile, despite the pandemic, enrolment in the age cohort of 15-16 years continued to improve as the number of 'not enrolled children' in this age group declined from 12.1 per cent in 2018 to 6.6 per cent in 2021, it showed further.

The survey used data from the Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) 2021, which has assessed the impact during the pandemic for the education sector in rural areas since the data from the Ministry of Education is only available up to 2019-20.

"To identify out-of-school children, their main-streaming and research sharing, the Government has shared the COVID-19 action plan with States and UTs," the Government's report card for the FY 2021-22 said.

The ASER report also found that during the pandemic, children in rural areas moved out of Private to Government Schools in all age groups. "The possible reasons suggested for the shift are shut down of low-cost private schools, financial distress of parents, free facilities in Government Schools and families migrating back to villages," according to the survey.

The survey also stated that despite increasing penetration of the internet and households possessing smartphones, children studying in lower grades faced difficulty in doing online educational activities compared to higher grade students.

The ASER report showed that the availability of smartphones increased from 36.5 per cent in 2018 to 67.6 per cent in 2021. "Non-availability of smartphones for children to use and network of connectivity issues were the challenges faced by children," the survey said.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

2022 REALITY INTRUDES IN 2047 VISION: ***The Union Budget for 2022-23 has brought cheer to the stock markets with a host of initiatives that promise to build robust infrastructure, support the expansion of the digital economy, and pivot to a greener future in mobility. There is also the Rs. 1 lakh crore loans to the States to improve their infrastructure and ease of doing business. These are critical investments required to integrate India into the global supply chains and achieve a high growth trajectory in the coming years... At another level, the temptation to offer political sops and freebies has been resisted, and that's good, especially in an election year...***

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman spoke of laying the foundations for a 25-year roadmap — from India at 75 to India at 100. It is good to look at the longer term and to plan and build accordingly. But equally, there is no denying that any futuristic scenario needs proper anchoring in the present to see just how much the economy is capable of handling and how the masses will hold on in the near term. In this light, there is very little for the poorer sections, burdened by the rise in fuel prices, higher trajectory of inflation, and a health crisis that has impacted the livelihoods of hundreds of millions. There is equally very little for the middle class, which, left with a bit more money in its hands, could help revive consumption. In fact, the FM "apologised" to the middle class for not changing the income tax slabs or giving some relief to the salaried class. — *In Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

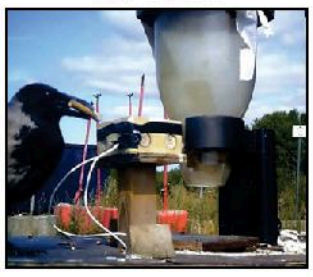
Man lived with bullet in his skull for 20 years

Beijing: A young man who had been experiencing severe headaches lately was shocked to learn that he had been living with a bullet in the left side of his skull for about two decades.

Xiao Chen (pseudonym), a 28-year-old man from Shenzen, had been suffering from random headaches only lately they had been getting more frequent and more severe. Things got so bad that he decided to go to the hospital, where doctors discovered a rather bizarre cause of the pain.

While performing an MRI, doctors discovered a strange object lodged in the left side of Xiao Chen's skull. Closer inspection revealed the small object to be a metal bullet. He was operated last month and the 20-year-old bullet, which measured about 1 cm in length and about 0.5 cm in diameter, was successfully removed.

Crow to pick up litter in exchange for food



Stockholm: Corvid Cleaning, a Swedish startup specializing in training crows to pick up litter in exchange for food, claims that its program could save communities a fortune in cleaning costs.

According to the Keep Sweden Tidy Foundation, over a billion cigarette butts are left on Sweden's streets every year which represents about 62 percent of all litter. Teaching humans not to throw cigarette butts on the street has so far proven impossible, but a Swedish startup claimed it can teach crows to pick up after us and save local communities millions of krone in cleaning fees every year.

Corvid Cleaning teaches wild crows to do our dirty work through a step-by-step learning process, that involves rewarding the birds with food for every cigarette butt they collect.

HEALTH CAPSULE

How to boost immunity when trying to lose weight ?

Whenever one talks about losing weight/following some diet pattern for nutrition they should be conscious of the quality and quantity of food. Eating right is not about having small portions; rather it is about having the right portions. One should feel energetic post-meal, not stiff and dull. So eat the right portionsevery 2 to 3 hours. Also, eat seasonal vegetables and fruits. It will help to absorb the freshness and goodness of food.

By Kavya J - Department of Nutrition & Dietetics
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Appointment of Resource Persons

Mysuru, Feb. 3 (ASC)- Nanjangud City Municipal Council (CMC), Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood Department (SDEL), Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana and National Urban Livelihood Mission (DAY-NULM), have invited applications from eligible persons on honorarium basis for temporary post/appointment as Community Resource Persons.

Candidates who reside within Nanjangud CMC limits, aged between 18 and 45 years and with a minimum qualification of a pass in PUC along with computer knowledge are eligible to apply.

Monthly payment of Rs. 8,000 with an honorarium of Rs. 2,000 will be provided. Applicants should have served as member of Area Level Federation (ALF) or Self-Help Groups (SHGs) for a minimum of three years and should have cleared loans within the prescribed time.

Application forms are available at the Office of Nanjangud CMC and the filled-in application forms must be submitted before Feb. 10. For details, contact the Nanjangud CMC DAY-NULM branch, according to a press release from Nanjangud CMC Commissioner.

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Teacher: *What is your father's name?*
Student: *Google.*
Teacher: *What kind of name is this?*
Student: *That's his name because he always finds me wherever I am !!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.80
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 101.40
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.37
1 Euro	= Rs. 84.51

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

	FEBRUARY 1	FEBRUARY 2
Day's Positive Cases	777	1,209
Total Positive Cases	2,22,747	2,23,956
Day's Discharges	2,766	1,457
Total Discharges	2,11,856	2,13,313
Day's Deaths	7	6
Total Deaths	2,501	2,507
Total Active Cases	8,390	8,136

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

VOICE OF THE READER

Pungent smell from industrial chemicals: A health hazard

Sir,

There is a Raja Kaluve which runs through the Metagalli industrial area and bisects KRS road at the junction where one takes a right turn to RBI just before Falcon Tyres. This drain further continues towards GRS Fantasy Park.

Of late, there has been a strong pungent smell of chemicals coming from the drain early in the morning and late evening for the past few months. The smell is spread across a wide area of the stretch from GSSS Engineering College on KRS road all the way until GRS Fantasy Park and maybe further. The odour is so strong that even a double mask worn is unable to prevent the suffocating smell.

Since such a strong smell is a trademark of industrial chemicals, the suspicion falls on the numerous industries along the stretch who may be discharging the untreated chemicals to the drain in the dead of the night.

Discharging such chemicals is against the norms of pollution control laws of our country. Such chemicals may contain heavy carcinogenic metals which could cause cancer and other diseases apart from causing breathing problems to the elderly and children. They also cause contamination of groundwater affecting humans, flora and fauna.

A few years back, there was a fire in this drain due to the presence of chemicals during summer. The heat from the fire was so intense that a section of KRS road above this drain cracked and traffic had to be diverted for a few hours.

Ironically, the State Pollution Control Board which is very close to the KRS road signal on the Outer Ring Road must also be facing this problem. I sincerely request the Pollution Control Board, elected representatives and civic authorities to take serious note of this issue and fix the problem.

—Kasi Ganeshan
Metagalli
30.1.2022

Five-day disruption in water supply

Mysuru, Feb. 3 (SSM)- Due to repair and maintenance works of power feeder lines to Bidaragodu Jackwell pumping station from where Kabini water is drawn, there will be disruption in water supply in the following areas of the city from today (Feb. 3) to Feb. 7: Bogadi, Sharadadevi Nagar, Dattagalli, Kuvempunagar III Stage, Jayanagar, Lakshmipuram, Sunnadakeri, Agrahara coming under MCC Ward No. 44 to 51; Gundu Rao Nagar, Chamundipuram, Krishnamurthypuram, Kuvempunagar, CITB, Ramakrishnanagar, Kuvempunagar M Block, Ashokapuram, Vidyaranyapuram, Vishweshwara Nagar, J.P Nagar, Aravindanagar, Srirampura and other areas coming under MCC Ward No. 54 to 65, according to a press release.

No power supply on Feb. 4 & 5

Mysuru, Feb. 3- As Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) will be taking up fourth quarterly maintenance works and emergency maintenance works on Feb. 4 and 5 between 10 am and 5 pm power supply will be disrupted in the following areas:

Surrounding areas of Sumangali Silks, Uma Talkies, Kumbarageri, Kurubageri, Ashoka Road, Garadakeri and surrounding areas of Irwin road.

Doora Power Distribution Centre: Doora, Talur, Marudagalli, Dodda Katur, Chikka Katur, surrounding areas of Sindhuvalli.

Nanjangud Division: Hallikeri Hundi, Bidaragodu, Moodalahundi water distribution centres.

Last date extended

Mysuru, Feb. 3- Backward Classes Welfare Department, which had invited applications from eligible students belonging to Backward Classes as well as nomadic, semi-nomadic tribal community and Category -1 for availing post-matric student scholarships, fee concession, Vidyasiri scheme (food and hostel facility) for the year 2021-22, has extended the last date for submission of application until Feb. 28. Applications should be submitted online on *https://ssp.postmatric.karnataka.gov.in/*. For details visit https://bcwd.karnataka.gov.in/ or contact Mob: 80507-70005/ 80507-70004 or Ph: 080-35254757.

River interlinking must be scientific: Sadhguru

Bengaluru, Feb. 3 (UNI)- Isha Foundation Founder and spiritual leader Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev has said that any new proposal to interlink rivers must be evaluated on the strength of scientific and environmental merit and long-term sustainability, not politics.

He said much before the 2022-23 Union Budget as reported on Isha's official website.

"A few interlinking projects have already rolled out. It would be ideal if we evaluate it on the basis of scientific and environmental merit and long-term sustainability, rather than on the basis of emotions and politics. The evaluation should also be on the basis of economic gains from these projects and weigh them against the loss of natural resource capital before embarking on new projects," he said.

Sadhguru said there are certain rivers which can be linked, which would be beneficial especially for flood mitigation, but all rivers in India are not fit to be linked because the rivers are not like European or North American rivers.

"In Europe, for example, the average precipitation is around 100-150 days in a year, and they have at least 10 to 15 inches of snow sitting there for two to three months. For us, precipitation is only for around 60-70 days in a year, and this is a tropical land that is very thirsty and will drink up water," he said.

Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev

In India, rivers are mostly forest-fed and hence bringing back the tree cover on either side of the river is the only long-term sustainable solution to address water scarcity and reduce the impact of floods and droughts, Sadhguru added.

River interlinking is based on the assumption that some river basins have surplus water supply while others have deficit, and by linking them water supply can be more evenly distributed. But from the interactions with scientists, it is learnt that the idea of a surplus or deficit basin is limited and does not take into consideration varying climatic conditions, he said.

"For example, the monsoons have been weakening over the last few decades in various parts of India, and the rainfall in parts of the country is now happening for fewer days and often in very intense spells. The surplus basins may, in fact, face water stress due to these changes," Sadhguru said.

Corrections and Clarifications

In the news item titled **"Returning to classrooms a challenge for children"** published in yesterday's *SOM*, the headline for Consultant Paediatrician Dr. S.N. Mothi's reaction may please be read as ***"Vaccination and COVID appropriate behaviour will bring normalcy in school"*** and **NOT** as "*Fear of COVID must go for normalcy.*" **—Ed**

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NEWS BRIEFS

Admission to CMA

The Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICAI), Mysuru Chapter, has announced that the last date for admission to Foundation, Intermediate and Final Course of CMA (Cost and Management Accountants) is extended up to Feb. 10 for June-2022 term exam. Interested candidates may contact ICAI Mysuru at #1420, 7th Cross, Krishnamurthypuram, Mysuru - 570004 between 10 am and 1 pm during any working day. [Ph: 0821-2331083 or Mob: 99001-11552]

M. Tech at GTTC

Government Tool Room and Training Centre (GTTC), Mysuru, has invited applications for admission to two-year M. Tech in Tool Engineering (VTU and AICTE affiliated) course for the year 2021-22. Candidates who have competed BE in Mechanical, Industrial Production, Automobile, Marine, Automation and Robotics are eligible to apply. For details, eligible candidates may visit GTTC, No.93/94, off KRS Road, Belagola Industrial Area or call Mob: 78924-98523 or 82774-51424.

Online meditation

Sri Ravishankar Guruji's Art of Living is conducting Happiness Course (Online) to achieve a stress-free, healthy, happy and peaceful life. This course includes knowledge sessions, pranayama, yoga, meditation and a powerful breathing technique called Sudarshan Kriya. It is starting tomorrow between 6 pm and 8 pm. Link for registration is ***aolt.in/616429***. [Mob: 94480-48488 or 98457-23320]

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	**124.80** feet
Today	:	**118.90** feet
Yesterday	:	**118.90** feet
Inflow	:	**793** cusecs
Outflow	:	**1,190** cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	**2,284.00** feet
Today	:	**2,282.24** feet
Inflow	:	**196** cusecs
Outflow	:	**400** cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	**2,859.00** feet
Today	:	**2,856.76** feet
Inflow	:	**193** cusecs
Outflow	:	**50** cusecs

Disrespect to Dr. Ambedkar's portrait

Mammoth protest march

Call for Mysuru bandh on Feb. 7 seeking sacking of Judge

Mysuru, Feb. 3 (RKB,PM& KS)- Accusing Raichur Principal District and Sessions Court Judge Mallikarjunagowda of removing Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's portrait during Republic Day celebration thus showing disrespect to the Father of the Constitution, Gandhinagar Dalit organisations and Progressive Thinkers' Federation, urging for sacking of the Judge, staged a massive protest in city yesterday.

Meanwhile, leaders of various organisations under the banner of Samvidhana Samrakshana Samithi, who held a meeting at Jaladarshini Guest House on Hunsur Road here yesterday, have called for Mysuru Bandh on Feb. 7, demanding sacking of the Judge.

The members of various Dalit organisations, who took out a massive protest march from Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's Circle to the Office of the Deputy Commissioner (DC), shouted slogans against the Judge by holding brooms in their hands, thus expressing their anger. The protesters passed through Pulikeshi Road, Ashoka Road, Clock Tower near Town Hall, Devaraj Urs Road, JLB Road, Metropole Hotel Circle and Hunsur Road before reaching the DC Office, where they staged a protest. They warned of intensifying the protest if action was not taken against the Judge.

A memorandum was submitted to Tahsildar Shivaprasad at the DC Office. Sri Urilinga Peddi Mutt Seer Sri Jnanaprakash Swamiji said that if the Government does not take action against the Judge, a massive protest will be held in front of the High Court and Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru. Corporators Dr. Ashwini and Pallavi Begum, former Corporators Uday and Siddappa, leaders Kallahalli Kumar, Puneet, SDPI leaders and others took part in the protest.

Meanwhile, at the meeting by Samvidhana Samrakshana Samithi, it was decided to call for Mysuru Bandh on Feb. 7.

They said that though eight days have passed since the incident took place, the Government had not taken any action against the Judge and accused the Government of showing disrespect to Dr. Ambedkar for not taking any action.

State Backward Classes Jagrutha Vedike State President K.S. Shivaram said that to condemn the Government for failing to take action against the Judge and removal of the Judge from service, Mysuru Bandh has been called on Feb. 7.

Samvidhana Rakshana Samithi President N. Bhaskar, Mysuru District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar, Nayakara Hitarakshana Vedike State President Dyavappa Nayaka, District Savitha Samaja President N.R. Nagesh, retired Professor Mahesh, Nele Hinnele's K.R. Gopalakrishna, Dalit Welfare Trust President Shantharaju, City Congress President R. Murthy and others took part in the meeting.

Woman hacked to death for throwing rotten tomatoes on roadside

Mysuru, Feb. 3 (MK&KS)- A 32-year-old woman was allegedly hacked to death, while her mother sustained serious injuries when she was attacked with a machete for reportedly throwing rotten tomatoes on the roadside. The incident took place at K.N. Pura Layout in Kyathamaranahalli yesterday evening.

While the deceased has been identified as Sunitha, wife of Vijaykumar, a resident of Vinayaka Road in the locality, the deceased woman's mother Bharati has sustained serious injuries and has been admitted to a private hospital in city.

The accused has been identified as Girish, neighbour of Sunitha. His father Shivaraj is said to have provoked Girish and the father-son duo have gone absconding after committing the crime.

Yesterday at about 4 pm, Sunitha and her mother Bharati, who run a shop in their house, threw rotten tomatoes that were in the shop on the roadside. Shivaraj and Girish, who noticed Sunitha and her mother throwing rotten tomatoes, questioned them as to why they threw the rotten fruits in front of their house. Soon, wordy duel ensued between them and an enraged Girish picked up a machete (long) and attacked Sunitha and Bharati. Sunitha, who sustained serious injuries on her head, is said to have died on the spot and Bharati, who suffered severe injuries, was rushed to a private hospital.

Udayagiri Inspector P.K. Raju and staff, who rushed to the spot, conducted mahazar, shifted the body of Sunitha to MMC&RI mortuary and has registered a case. DCP (Law and order) Pradeep Gunti and N.R. Sub-Division ACP Shivashankar also visited the spot. Udayagiri Police have launched a hut to nab the absconding father and son.

JSS Ayurveda College and Hospital Founder-Principal passes away

Mysuru, Feb. 3- **Prof. (Dr). Channabasappa** (90), Founder-Principal of JSS Ayurveda College and Hospital, retired Director of AYUSH and a resident of Daya Marga in Siddarthanagar, passed away yesterday afternoon in city.

He leaves behind his wife, three daughters, one son and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Veerashaiva Burial Grounds in Lalithadripura this noon, according to sources.

The Management, staff and students of JSS Ayurveda College and Hospital have condoled the death of Prof. Channabasappa.

Obituary

Mahesh

Mysuru, Feb. 3- Mahesh (43), son of retired Assistant Sub-Inspector Niranjanegowda and a resident of Ramakrishnanagar, passed away yesterday evening at a private hospital in city following heart attack.

He leaves behind his parents, brother, sister, wife Sudha, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

Lakshmamma

H.D. Kote: Lakshmamma (68), wife of Ramashetty and a resident of Saragur town, passed away yesterday.

She leaves behind two sons including journalist S.R. Nagaram, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Togataveera Burial Grounds in Saragur today, according to family sources.

'AHINDA' Vs 'ALINGOW': C.M. Ibrahim to float new forum for Minorities, Lingayats and Gowdas

Mysuru, Feb. 3 (MTY&BCT)- In an attempt to polarise voters again in the next election, a new political movement 'ALINGOW' will take shape under the leadership of former Union Minister C.M. Ibrahim, who dissociated himself from the Congress after he was denied the post of leader of Congress in the Legislative Council.

'ALINGOW' stands for Alpasankyataru (Minorities), Lingayats and Gowdas and it will be pitted against AHINDA (Alpasankhyataru, Hindulidavaru and Dalitaru) — a social movement forged by Minorities, Backwards and Dalits — and former CM Siddharamaiah is one of the AHINDA leaders. In fact, Ibrahim was associated with AHINDA and now he has fallen out with Siddharamaiah. Both the leaders were associated with AHINDA before they joined Congress. Ibrahim has already decided to quit Congress and is looking at various political options and one of them is floating 'ALINGOW'.

Addressing reporters in Mysuru yesterday, Ibrahim said that he will resign as a member of the Legislative Council on Feb. 14 and would tour the State to gauge public opinion. Yesterday he met Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji and sought his blessings.

Former Union Minister C.M. Ibrahim called on Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji in city yesterday.

"I am in contact with political party leaders, including from the BJP and JD(S). I will continue in politics by joining a political party. I will not float a new party. I am also in touch with Samajwadi Party leader Akhilesh Yadav and Trinamool Congress leader Mamata Banerjee as my choices have narrowed down to JD(S), Samajwadi Party and Trinamool Congress," he said.

"I am in touch with former Minister and BJP MLC A.H. Vishwanath and I will meet veteran Dalit leader and BJP MP V. Sreenivasa Prasad. I have the backing of leaders from Congress, JD(S), BJP and SDPI," he said. Training his guns on the Congress, especially Siddharamaiah, Ibrahim said that Congress took Muslims for granted. "Congress is under impression that Muslims would vote for the party come what may. Muslims are treated only as machines to cast vote for Congress. Muslims are not given positions and budgetary allocation," he said.

'Anna Bhagya my idea'

"In fact, the popular *Anna Bhagya* and *Ksheera Bhagya* programmes which were implemented during the Siddharamaiah government were my ideas. I had warned Siddharamaiah not to contest from Chamundeshwari segment, but he did not listen. We made him contest from Badami and worked for his victory. He has forgotten it," he said.

"Siddharamaiah should remember that I came with him after leaving former PM H.D. Deve Gowda and he should have stood by me when injustice was done to me," he said.

Stating that his name which was recommended for the post of Opposition Leader in Legislative Council from the State Congress was changed overnight, Ibrahim said that he had the support of 19 members out of 22 members in the Council.

"I have no idea who is behind this. I have been denied the post as I belong to a minority community. Former Minister U.T. Khader has been appointed as the Deputy leader in the Assembly, to prevent minority voters from going to other parties," he said.

Tanveer Sait supporters welcome Ibrahim in Mysuru

In a surprising development, supporters of NR MLA Tanveer Sait accorded a rousing welcome to former Union Minister C.M. Ibrahim, who dissociated himself from the Congress after he was denied the post of Leader of Congress in the Legislative Council. Ibrahim, who arrived in Mysuru yesterday, was welcomed by hundreds of supporters at Dandina Maramma Temple on the Bengaluru Road. Ibrahim was taken in an open jeep procession and flower petals were showered on him.

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City commemorates civic honour to Gandhiji in 1927

The Mysuru District Administration, Mysuru City Corporation and Seshadripuram Degree College had organised a programme at the Town Hall and also at MCC premises this morning to commemorate the civic honour accorded to Mahatma Gandhi during his visit to Mysuru on Feb. 3 in 1927. Gandhiji is said to have inspected the MCC building which was under construction and the citizens had accorded him a civic honour as Gandhiji was leading the freedom struggle. Picture shows District Minister S.T. Somashekar offering floral tributes to the portrait of Gandhiji as MLA Tanveer Sait, Mayor Sunanda Palanetra, Zoo Authority of Karnataka Chairman L.R. Mahadevaswamy and others look on. At the event held at MCC premises, Mayor Sunanda Palanetra offered floral tributes to the portrait of Gandhiji in the presence of Deputy Mayor Anwar Baig and others. Freedom fighters attended today's programme.

Wait for piped gas project to get longer

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Mayoral reservation seat matrix

Now with the term of the Mayor ending on Feb. 23, the Council will meet only after the new Mayor is elected and it will take a minimum of two months, that too if the State Government announces the Mayoral reservation seat matrix by February. If the seat matrix is not announced, the new Council meeting will be delayed further. The electoral process can start only after the reservation matrix is announced.

According to Council Secretary Rangaswamy, it is not possible to conduct a Council meeting in the election month (February) as the Mayor's term will end on Feb. 23. "Till now, not a single Council meeting was held during the Mayor's term-ending month. We do not have such examples. As such, there is no chance of conducting a Council meeting in February," he said.

Cooperation, trust crucial

The piped gas project will have to be implemented in Mysuru with the cooperation of the Corporators and their assent is crucial for the smooth implementation. Since no party has a majority in the Council, Sunanda Palanetra became a Mayor benefiting from the discord between the alliance partner JD(S) and Congress.

Even in the next election, it is not sure who will gain a majority in the Council and the entire scenario depends on the reservation matrix to be announced by the State Government. As such, mutual cooperation and trust between Congress, JD(S) and BJP is necessary for the project to become a reality.

Project visibility a must

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, Mayor Sunanda Palanetra said that the Council should have had visibility into the project. She regretted that the people-friendly project could not see the light of the day during her Mayoral term.

"The Company responsible for the implementation of the project should have explained to the Council about the project and they have not done that. Random surveys were done in certain areas that come under Chamundeshwari Constituency. For the project to be implemented within city limits, the MCC Council has to approve it after a detailed discussion," she said.

MCC Commissioner G. Laksmikantha Reddy told *SOM* that the Centre has already allotted the project to a private company and permission from the Council is mandatory to implement the project. "That company has sought permission from the MCC and the same must come to a detailed discussion within the Council and has to be approved," he said.

Without the approval of the Council, the project cannot be implemented and the company has to wait till that time, he added.

Cabinet expansion: CM to visit Delhi on Feb. 7

Bengaluru, Feb. 3 (KMS& BCT)- Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Wednesday said he has postponed his scheduled trip to New Delhi for Feb. 7, on the request of Members of Parliament (MPs) from the State. The CM had earlier planned to leave for Delhi today (Feb. 3).

Bommai plans to meet party top brass to raise objections on the Cauvery-Pennar river-linking project announced in the Union Budget. He and some water experts have expressed apprehension that the project will help Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh but not Karnataka since the State may not get its due share of water under the plan. Sources say Bommai had sought appointments with PM Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah and Party President J.P. Nadda.

Bommai's visit to Delhi is likely to revolve around discussions on Cabinet revamp that BJP legislators are expecting to take place. Several BJP legislators have been jockeying for Cabinet positions in recent days. "I will not discuss this issue in public," Bommai said when asked if there would be discussions regarding a Cabinet expansion during his visit to New Delhi.

'PNG will affect public health, environment'

Mysuru, Feb. 3 (MTY&BCT)- The Piped Natural Gas (PNG) project that is being implemented in Mysuru is neither people-friendly nor economical, alleged Mehul Patel, the distributor of HP Gas in Mysuru. It will spoil the health of people and will be detrimental to environment, he said.

Addressing a press conference at Pathrakarthara Bhavan in the city yesterday, he claimed that many experts have opined that the PNG is unhealthy as it contains methane and ethane that is not compressed. "Nitrogen oxide is generated through this gas and this will harm health of people. This has been reported in reputed magazines like *Forbes* and *National Geographic,*" he claimed.

Mehul said that LPG was safe and do not contribute to global warming while the PNG has been given a negative rating by chemical engineers and petroleum gas experts. "In winter, the PNG takes a solid format (after precipitation) and there are chances of pipelines getting blocked while the gas supply company will claim that there are no obstructions. Many people with piped gas will suffer and at that time, there will be no solution and this would lead to conflicts," he reasoned.

He dismissed the claims that the PNG is cheaper. "Rs. 7,000 has to be paid as a deposit and the savings of Rs. 400 per month is completely false and misleading. New stoves and other equipment have to be purchased and if there is small damage in the pipeline, the company will levy heavy penalties. Shifting houses will be a headache with piped gas. All these facts have been hidden from people," he claimed.

What will happen to existing LPG agencies, staff?

Mysuru, Feb. 3 (RK&BCT)- Reacting to the gas pipeline project, former Mayor Ayub Khan told *Star of Mysore* this morning that there is an urgent need to discuss the pros and cons of the project and it was not right to implement the project without transparency, though it is claimed to be people-friendly.

"The disadvantages and advantages of the project must be discussed and it must be in the public domain. No one is asking for immediate implementation of the project and there is no tearing hurry. Now, gas is delivered to homes with a phone call or an SMS. Roads will be dug up for the project and who will pay for the repairs? Also, Rs. 7,000 has to be paid as a deposit apart from monthly charges and disconnection and reconnection charges. All these things must be discussed," he demanded.

"There is a complete lack of information on the project and even the MLAs are not aware of the project implications and the aftermath. Unilateral attitude towards project implementation has caused confusion and there is no visibility. Also, there are many gas agencies that supply gas to Mysuru. What will happen to them and who will give them employment. There is an entire transport sector involved in the transportation of the LPG cylinders to homes. Who is speaking on the job loss," he questioned.

Minister instructs Police to control online gambling, cattle smuggling

KSRP 5th Battalion Commandant R. Janardhan, Hunsur Sub-Division Dy.SP P. Raviprasad and N.R. Sub-Division ACP team's Head Constable Lingarajappa, who have bagged the President's Police Medals, were felicitated by Home Minister Araga Jnanedra at a progress review meeting with Police officials held at SP's Office in city yesterday. Others seen are SP R. Chethan, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta and IGP (Southern Range) Pravin Madhukar Pawar.

Mysuru, Feb. 3 (RK&KS)- Home Minister Araga Jnanedra has instructed Police personnel to control online gambling and cattle smuggling.

He was speaking after holding the progress review meeting with Police officials at the Office of the Superintendent of Police (SP) here yesterday.

Pointing out that the State Government has introduced an Act to ban online gambling in the State, he asked the Police officials to strictly implement the Act. Stating that many youths had come to the streets after selling their properties to indulge in online gambling, the Home Minister said that such youths would indulge in crimes and destroy their lives which have to be prevented.

Pointing out that he had information about cattle smuggling in the district, the Minister instructed the Police to put brakes on such illegal activity by keeping strict vigil at check-posts in Kerala borders. He also instructed the Cops to identify those indulged in illegal sale of liquor and take legal action against them failing which strict action would be taken against the Police officials.

Meanwhile, KSRP 5th Battalion Commandant R. Janardhan, Hunsur Sub-Division Dy.SP P. Raviprasad and N.R. Sub-Division ACP team's Head Constable Lingarajappa, who have bagged the President's Police Medals, were felicitated.

SP R. Chethan, IGP (Southern Range) Pravin Madhukar Pawar, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta, Additional SP R. Shivakumar, Inspectors and others were present.

Wild elephant kills villager at Veeranahosahalli forest range

Over 2,000 villagers stage protest; Demand DCF or higher Forest officials to visit the spot

Hunsur, Feb. 3 (Mahesh Hanagod&KS)- A wild elephant has killed a 50-year-old man at Veeranahosahalli Forest Range in Nagarahole Reserve Forest at about 9 pm yesterday. The deceased has been identified as Rajesh, a resident of Kolavige village in Veeranahosahalli.

Deceased Rajesh

Yesterday at about 9 pm, Rajesh had gone to the backyard of his house to fetch fodder to the cattle, when the wild elephant, which was feeding on ragi crops close by, attacked Rajesh and killed him.

Meanwhile, about 2,000 villagers, who assembled at the spot this morning, staged a protest demanding the Forest officials to safeguard their lives and also demanded the Forest staff to summon the Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) to the spot. When the staff told them that the DCF had tested positive for COVID-19, the villagers demanded the staff to summon any of the higher Forest officials to the spot and get their problems solved.

The protesters also returned the Rs. 2 lakh compensation cheque given to the family members of deceased Rajesh and told the Forest officials that they do not want the compensation but they need protection to their lives besides urging the Forest officials to end the menace of wild elephants.

Meanwhile, the wild elephant, which had killed Rajesh, had stayed put in Nagapura Government School premises and the Forest staff were trying to chase the elephant back to the forest. The elephant had damaged a couple of two-wheelers belonging to farmers and the school has been closed.

Hunsur MLA H.P. Manjunath, who arrived at the spot, heard the grievances of the villagers and assured of getting their problems solved at the earliest.

He later handed over the compensation cheque of Rs. 2 lakh to the family member of the deceased.

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MYSORE TRAIN TIMINGS

FROM MYSURU RAILWAY STATION TOWARDS KSR BENGALURU

Train No.	From Station	To Station	Mysuru Departure	Bengaluru Arrival	Days of Service	
16586	Mangaluru	KSR Bengaluru	03.15	06.15	Mon, Wed & Fri	Fully reserved
12610	Mysuru	Chennai	05.00	07.45	Daily	Fully reserved
16217	Mysuru	Shirdi	05.30	07.55	Monday	Fully reserved
17326	Mysuru	Belagavi	05.50	08.40	Daily	Unreserved
06256	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	06.10	09.15	Daily Passenger	Unreserved
16215	Mysuru	Bengaluru	06.45	09.35	Daily	Unreserved
16229	Mysuru	Varanasi	07.20	09.55	Tue & Thu	Fully reserved
16023	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	08.10	11.00	Daily	Unreserved
07345	Chamarajanagar	KSR Bengaluru	09.05	13.15	Daily Passenger	Unreserved
12975	Mysuru	Jaipur	10.30	12.55	Thu & Sat	Fully reserved
12578	Mysuru	Darbhanga	10.30	13.35	Friday	Fully reserved
12613	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	11.30	14.00	Daily	Partially unreserved
16315	Mysuru	Kochuveli	12.50	16.35	Daily	Fully reserved
17307	Mysuru	Bagalkot	13.25	16.35	Daily	Partially unreserved
06258	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	13.45	16.55	Daily Passenger	Unreserved
12008	Mysuru	MGR Chennai	14.15	16.10	Daily Except Wed	Shatabdi Express
16557	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	14.30	17.20	Daily	Unreserved
12786	Mysuru	Kacheguda	15.15	17.40	Daily	Fully reserved
16535	Mysuru	Solapur	15.45	18.35	Daily	Partially unreserved
16232	Mysuru	Mayiladuturai	16.30	18.50	Daily	Fully reserved
16219	Chamarajanagar	Tirupati	16.55	20.20	Daily	Fully reserved
16236	Mysuru	Tuticorin	18.20	20.55	Daily	Fully reserved
16592	Mysuru	Hubballi	18.35	21.40	Daily	Partially unreserved
16210	Mysuru	Ajmer	19.00	22.10	Tue & Thu	Fully reserved
16227	Mysuru	Talguppa	19.30	22.55	Daily	Partially unreserved
22681	Mysuru	Chennai	20.10	22.50	Wednesday	Fully reserved
16022	Mysuru	Chennai	21.00	23.45	Daily	Fully reserved
06560	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	22.20	01.15	Daily	Unreserved
11065	Mysuru	Renigunta	22.55	01.30	Friday	Fully reserved
22818	Mysuru	Howrah	23.45	02.00	Sunday	Fully reserved

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DEPARTING FROM KSR BENGALURU AND ARRIVING MYSURU

Train No.	From Station	To Station	Bengaluru Departure	Mysuru Arrival	Days of Service	
22817	Howrah	Mysuru	01.10	03.45	Sunday	Fully reserved
16218	Shirdi	Mysuru	01.50	04.40	Thursday	Fully reserved
06559	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	02.05	05.15	Daily Passenger	Unreserved
16021	Chennai	Mysuru	04.00	06.40	Daily	Fully reserved
16220	Tirupati	Chamarajanagar	04.30	07.00	Daily	Fully reserved
16228	Talguppa	Mysuru	05.05	08.20	Daily	Partially unreserved
22682	Chennai	Mysuru	05.25	08.00	Friday	Fully reserved
16231	Mayiladuturai	Mysuru	06.00	09.10	Daily	Fully reserved
16591	Hubballi	Mysuru	06.00	08.45	Daily	Partially unreserved
12785	Kacheguda	Mysuru	06.45	09.35	Daily	Fully reserved
16235	Tuticorin	Mysuru	07.15	10.20	Daily	Fully reserved
16536	Solapur	Mysuru	07.30	10.45	Daily	Fully reserved
16316	Kochuveli	Mysuru	08.35	11.20	Daily	Fully reserved
06257	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	09.20	12.45	Daily Passenger	Unreserved
06567	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	10.30	13.20	Daily	Unreserved
12007	MGR Chennai	Mysuru	10.50	13.00	Daily Except Wed	Shatabdi Express
17308	Bagalkot	Mysuru	11.15	14.10	Daily	Partially unreserved
16024	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	13.00	16.15	Daily	Unreserved
12976	Jaipur	Mysuru	13.15	15.55	Wed & Fri	Fully reserved
12614	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	15.15	17.45	Daily	Partially unreserved
07346	KSR Bengaluru	Chamarajanagar	15.35	18.35	Daily Passenger	Unreserved
12577	Darbhanga	Mysuru	17.15	20.00	Thursday	Fully reserved
17325	Belagavi	Mysuru	17.45	20.40	Daily	Partially unreserved
16216	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	18.15	21.05	Daily	Unreserved
06255	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	19.00	22.10	Daily	Unreserved
12609	Chennai	Mysuru	19.50	22.50	Daily	Fully reserved
16585	KSR Bengaluru	Mangaluru	20.30	23.00	Wed, Fri & Sun	Fully reserved
16230	Varanasi	Mysuru	20.45	23.30	Mon & Sat	Fully reserved
11066	Renigunta	Mysuru	23.20	01.50	Saturday	Fully reserved
16209	Ajmer	Mysuru	23.30	02.15	Tue & Sun	Fully reserved

TOWARDS HASSAN, ARSIKERE, DAVANGERE, HAVERI, HUBBALLI, DADAR, NEW DELHI AND BACK

Train	From Station	To Station	Departure	Arrival	Days of Service	
16206	Mysuru	Talguppa	06.00	13.15	Daily	Partially unreserved
11036	Mysuru	Dadar	06.15	05.30 (next day)	Sunday (Mysuru)	Fully reserved
07313 (Express)	Mysuru	Yesvantpur	07.45	10.55 (Hassan)	Daily	Unreserved
06225	Mysuru	Shivamogga	10.15	16.25	Daily	Unreserved
06214	Mysuru	Arsikere	17.45	21.50	Daily	Unreserved
12781	Mysuru	Hazrat Nizamuddin	20.10 (Fri)	17.50 (Sun)	Friday	Fully reserved
17301	Mysuru	Dharwad	22.30	08.05	Daily	Partially unreserved
07302	Dharwad	Mysuru	21.05	07.20	Daily	Partially unreserved
06213	Arsikere	Mysuru	05.00	09.25	Daily	Unreserved
06226	Shivamogga	Mysuru	11.15	16.50	Daily	Unreserved
07314 (Express)	Yesvantpur	Mysuru	16.05 (Hassan)	19.40	Daily	Unreserved
11035	Dadar	Mysuru	21.30	21.40 (next day)	Thursday (Dadar)	Fully reserved
16205	Talguppa	Mysuru	15.00	22.15	Daily	Partially unreserved
12782	Hazrat Nizamuddin	Mysuru	05.10 (Mon)	03.30 (Wed)	Monday	Fully reserved

TOWARDS MYSURU TO CHAMARAJANAGAR AND BACK

Train	From Station	To Station	Departure	Arrival	Days of Service	
07327	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	05.00	06.35	Daily Passenger	Unreserved
16220	Tirupati	Chamarajanagar	07.20 (Mys)	09.10	Daily	Fully reserved
06233	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	09.15	10.55	Daily Passenger	Unreserved
07346	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	19.00	20.45	Daily	Unreserved
07345	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	07.15	08.50	Daily	Unreserved
16219	Chamarajanagar	Tirupati	15.30	16.45	Daily	Fully reserved
06234	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	17.00	18.40	Daily Passenger	Unreserved
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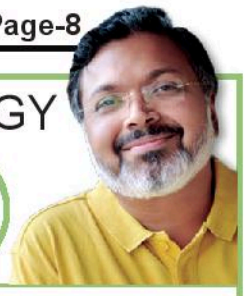

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Why 14 years of exile?

There are two big mysteries in Hindu mythology. One, why does Kaikai ask Ram to be exiled only for 14 years? Two, why does Duryodhan demand that the Pandavas be exiled only for 13 years? Why did Kaikai not ask for Ram's permanent exile? Or why did Duryodhan not ask for the permanent exile of the Pandavas? Why was the exile in the Ramayana and Mahabharata for a fixed tenure and not permanent? The answer may lie in the idea that, in Indian thought, nothing can be permanent. The only thing that has permanence is the soul or the *atma*. Everything else is transitory.

A clue to this are the stories from the Puranas. In the Puranas, *asuras* keep invoking Brahma. They then ask him for immortality. Brahma refuses to give this to them. So, the *asuras* try to outwit death itself. They ask boons that make it impossible for anyone to kill them. For example, Andhakasur can only be killed if he falls in love with his own mother. Mahisha demands that he should not be killed by any male creature on Earth. Tadaka asks that he cannot be killed by a single adult, not considering babies as a threat. Ravana asks that he cannot be killed by any God or beast, not thinking humans will be a threat. If one pays attention, all these boons leave loopholes. These loopholes enable the *devas* to kill the *asuras*.

In the Manusmriti, we are told that we cannot be young forever. We cannot be householders forever. We cannot be students forever. Thus, life is divided into the ashram system. The first quarter of one's life, one is a student. In the second quarter, one is the householder. Then, we retire and finally we walk away into the forest and prepare for death. Nothing is permanent.

In ancient times, nobody was given permanent rights to land. The land belonged only to God. This meant one could not claim ownership over the land. One only had the right to harvest it. Kings also controlled courtiers by giving them only temporary rights over the harvest of a piece of land during one lifetime. It was never given in perpetuity to the family.

In time, from around 500 CE, kings gave away land to their courtiers, rather than a temporary harvest grant during the lifetime of the person. This was recorded as various land grants that were carved in stone and metal sheets, where symbol of sun and moon was used to indicate rights for eternity. This is when the feudal system rises in India, as land starts belonging to people permanently. And when land starts belonging to people permanently we see the rise of feudal order. There is also the rise of the caste system. So began the unravelling of Indian civilisation.

The whole idea that land is on lease and one is just a tenant on it and nothing belongs to anybody is a theme which is very powerfully repeated in the Ramayana and the Mahabharata. Kings are merely caretakers of the land, not permanent owners. So no one can exile anyone permanently. Everything should have an expiry date.

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Kootupole Bridge opens to public

The newly-constructed bridge connects Kodagu and Kerala; facilitates travel to Kannur Airport

Virajpet, Feb.3 (DM&BCT)- The newly constructed Kootupole bridge that links Kodagu district with neighbouring Kerala was formally thrown open for public travel last Monday.

Kerala PWD Minister P.A. Mohammad Riaz, Peravoor MLA Sanni Joseph, Kodagu's Virajpet MLA K.G. Bopaiah, MLC M.P. SujaKushalappa and other dignitaries travelled in an open jeep on the bridge from Kerala border side to Karnataka side of the border, thus throwing open the newly constructed bridge.

The bridge is at the Karnataka-Kerala border and is part of the Kerala State Transport Project (KSTP) road between Thalassery and Valavupara. The bridge work was completed as Karnataka Wildlife Board gave permission to construct the same.

The old bridge, built during the British era across Kootupole, was providing inter-state connectivity at Makutta and it was narrow and in dilapidated condition. With the construction of Kannur International Airport, the density of vehicles on the old bridge had increased. To provide connectivity to the Airport, the Kerala Government had developed a 55-km road and bridges at an estimated cost of Rs. 360 crore till Kootupole.

However, the Karnataka Forest Department had stalled the work in 2017 considering that the land belonged to Bramhagiri Wildlife Division. Though the claim of Kerala was that the river is in its territory, the Karnataka authorities claimed that a portion of the bridge is in Bramhagiri Wildlife Sanctuary in Karnataka and also they claimed that half the river belongs to them, following which the work had to be stopped.

Speaking during the inaugural function of the bridge, MLA K.G. Bopaiah said that the bridge will provide a new link between Kerala and Karnataka and also largely help vehicles travelling towards Kannur Airport. Pointing out that the small bridge was severely hampering vehicular movement on this important border road, he said that the new bridge will cater to the needs of the travelling public, especially those wanting to reach Kannur Airport from different parts of Karnataka.

MLC SujaKushalappa said that the British had built a small bridge at Kootupole, which had become problematic for vehicular movement due to its small width. Now, with the construction of the new bridge it is hoped that trade and commerce between the two States would become faster and cheaper, he added. He further said that the new bridge will also help devotees who are on the Sabarimala pilgrimage.

Peravoor MLA Sanni Joseph in his address said that the bridge faced many legal hurdles, which were successfully addressed subsequently. KSTP has built 7 bridges from Thalassery to Valavupara including the Kootupole Bridge and many roads to reach the Kannur Airport at a total cost of Rs. 360 crore, he said and added that five of these bridges have been inaugurated, while two others are set for inauguration. He thanked the Karnataka Government and MLA Bopaiah for their co-operation in the construction of the bridge.

Kodagu Hindu AikyaVedike Working President ValsanTilankeri, BJP leaders V.V. Chandran, M.R. Suresh and Binoy Kurian, Congress leader Thomas Varghese, Virajpet TP member C.K. Prithvinath, leaders B.M. Ganesh, Achhapanda Mahesh Ganapathi, Patrappanda Raghu Nanaiah, Chuppa Nagaraj, MadhuDevaiah and others were present.

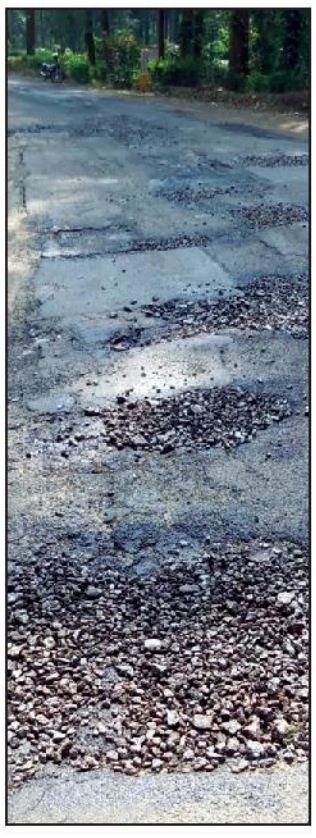
Bad roads: Kodagu senior citizens petition CM

Mysuru, Feb. 3 (BCT)- Senior citizens of Ammathi in Kodagu have written to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai urging him to take urgent measures to repair roads in the Kodagu district that have gone from bad to worse shape.

They have voiced their concern as a majority of major arterial and main roads connecting various parts of Kodagu have deteriorated and have not seen repairs and not even the basic patchwork for many years. Being a tourist spot in Karnataka that fetches crores of rupees as income to the Government through coffee and spices, bad roads are a blot on the district, they said.

Not only the arterial roads, the main roads — State Highway — connecting Dakshina Kannada to Mysuru via Kodagu and also major towns in Kerala with Mysuru through Kodagu are in a bad shape with craters right in the middle of the roads, posing a nightmare to motorists. These roads are generally busy and have become unfit for travel.

The petition on behalf of the senior citizens has been written by *SOM* reader K.C. Biddappa, Senior Vice-President (Retd.), ITC Limited, who is a regular traveller to Kodagu. It appears the local law-makers have abdicated their responsibility and are totally oblivious to the travails of the hapless travellers in Kodagu district, the petition stated.



It is a sad state of affairs where local bodies like PWD, ZP, Taluk Panchayat, Municipality, Town Panchayat, local MLAs and MLCs have become mute spectators to the mess. Though a handful of roadworks are going on in the district, most of the roads are neglected and even if the roads are repaired and restored, their condition will worsen in just six months, the petition said.

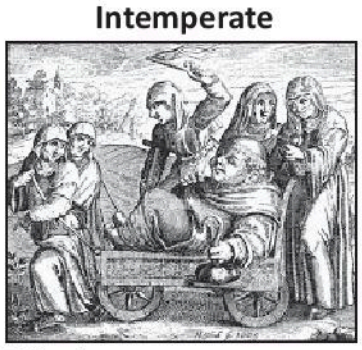
Frequently travelling on such bad pothole-filled roads is an open invitation to spondylitis and slip disc conditions. Several motorcyclists have fallen off the vehicles while negotiating crater-like potholes and four-wheelers land up in workshops frequently due to repairs. Autorickshaws and cars have been damaged while traversing busy stretches, the petition said.

The petition asked the CM to take a drive through any remote part of Kerala or Tamil Nadu where it is a pleasure to drive even in rural areas. Not that the politicians and the officials of these States are paragons of virtue but they do take pride in providing decent motorable roads to their citizens.

Karnataka justifiably claims to be a national leader in IT, digital technology, education and other sectors but it is a shame and disgrace that our Government has failed in its constitutional responsibility of providing basic facilities to its citizens of Kodagu with reasonably maintained motorable roads, the petition read.

WORD OF THE DAY

Intemperate



Pronunciation: in-TEM-puh-rut.
Meaning: Intemperate means "having extreme conditions" or "having or showing a lack of emotional calmness or control."
Origin: Intemperate means "not well tempered"—in other words, not well mixed or balanced. The word comes from Latin intemperatus, a combination of in- and the verb temperare, meaning "to temper" or "to mix."
Example: "It is probably useful ... for us to let our ideas flow with intemperate fervour on topics about which we care passionately." — Jim Slusher.

THE ODD WORD

Ianthine

Violet-coloured.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

It's a small world

Meaning: The phrase 'It's a Small World' is used when you have encountered the same people, events, or situations in an unexpected place or you have discovered that someone knows a person you also know.
Origin: The phrase 'It's a small world' is an ancient one with no known origin. It has been used for hundreds of years in Spanish-speaking countries, where it's said 'El mundo es un panuelo.'
Example: "Imagine you knowing Sheri! It's a small world, isn't it?"

QUOTE BOX

Give me a lever long enough and a fulcrum on which to place it, and I shall move the world. **—Archimedes**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer : The X-Files.

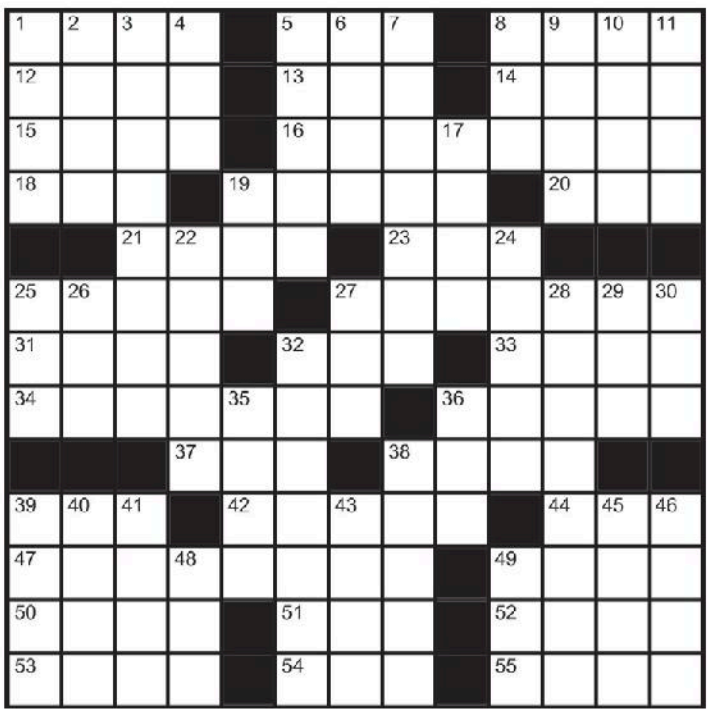
CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 "M*A*S*H" star
5 Flat-crowned hat
8 Vitrified cinders
12 Cry
13 High Power Amplifier
14 Scarlett's home
15 Operatic song
16 Inflexible quality
18 Convert into leather
19 Advantages or benefits; blessings?
20 Norwegian rug
21 Lacklustre
23 Kind
25 Flatfishes
27 Pre-Euro German coin
31 Able was I, ___ __ saw Elba ? (3,1)
32 Use it to open a lock
33 Prefix for wine
34 Scrounging or sponging?
36 Weight of 14lb
37 "No" in Scotland ?
38 A coarse, rough instrument
39 Inquire about
42 Deduce, discern or learn
44 President Truman's initials
47 Stringed musical instrument
49 N. England river
50 Angered or angry, poetically speaking?
51 Before, poetically speaking
52 Local man's name - "Tula" anagram?
53 Follow a food regime
54 The fourth letter by the sound of it?
55 Russian space probes which visited Halley's comet

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

G	A	G	A	■	H	I	P	■	S	M	U	G
A	B	A	T	■	A	P	R	■	N	A	N	O
B	A	L	L	Y	H	O	O	■	O	L	I	D
■	■	■	A	A	A	■	F	L	O	A	T	S
G	R	A	S	P	■	S	O	A	P	Y	■	■
H	O	S	T	■	A	L	U	M	■	A	D	D
E	S	T	■	L	I	A	N	A	■	L	I	I
E	E	R	■	A	R	I	D	■	P	A	N	E
■	■	O	L	D	E	N	■	D	A	M	E	S
D	E	N	I	E	D	■	Y	O	N	■	■	■
A	L	O	K	■	A	N	E	C	D	O	T	E
I	S	M	E	■	L	O	G	■	A	U	R	A
S	A	Y	S	■	E	G	G	■	S	T	I	R

DOWN
1 Take _ ___ in your hand.... and hit a four, maybe (1,3)
2 Windies batsman Brian ___
3 Became gradually lesser and lesser
4 __ __ mode : in this fashion or style (1,2)
5 Beat pulsatively
6 Peruvian carrot
7 Amplify, enlarge or expand
8 PCO facility
9 The den of a wild beast
10 Showily pretentious
11 India's holy city
17 Insular land
19 Art degs.
22 Be in command
24 Speed (at sea)
25 Dry especially for wines
26 Pray for us - ___ pro nobis ?
27 A wooden pin pushed or driven into a surface
28 Apprentice, beginner or trainee
29 Old fashioned name for a hotel or restaurant
30 A sound of encouragement to a horse
32 Sounded a bell
35 Shakespearean villain
36 ___ Salvador : South American island?
38 Indian queen
39 Surrounded by
40 Indian garment
41 Major leg joint
43 Republic of Ireland
45 Cosy
46 Weblike membrane
48 Insecticide, in short
49 23rd letter of the Hebrew alphabet



SUDOKU

7		8				1		6
3				8				
		6	1		2			
8				1				
9			7		4			8
				3				2
			5		9	8		
				7				3
4		7				5		1

Answer to previous puzzle

8	3	2	4	6	7	1	9	5
6	1	7	2	5	9	8	4	3
4	9	5	1	3	8	2	6	7
9	5	1	8	4	6	7	3	2
7	2	4	9	1	3	6	5	8
3	6	8	5	7	2	4	1	9
5	8	3	6	2	1	9	7	4
1	7	9	3	8	4	5	2	6
2	4	6	7	9	5	3	8	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

XSTZDS PC ECBN ZP FCI ERLS, CV OIKNRBN

JSCJES XF ZJJSZDZBASP.

TODAY'S CLUE: N EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Affirmations are like prescriptions for certain aspects of yourself you want to change.

NOW SHOWING - MOVIES

- **Gayathri Theatre** Ph: 2443568
  Ombattane Dikku (K) - 4 Shows
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  Badava Rascal (K)- 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** Ph: 2423554
  Yuvarathna (K) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** Ph: 2497199
  Pushpa: The Rise (H) - 3 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

DNA - Dhruva Nakshathra Akasha (K)	(S-1)	1.15 pm
	(S-3)	10.15 am
Spider-Man: No Way Home (3D-E)	(S-1)	4.00 pm
Hridayam (Ma)	(S-1)	6.55 pm; (S-3) 3.45 pm
Badava Rascal (K)	(S-2)	10.45 am
Ombatthane Dikku (K)	(S-2)	1.30 pm, 4.10 pm, 7.00 pm
Sila Nerangalil Sila Manidhargal (Ta)	(S-3)	1.00 pm
83 (H)	(S-3)	7.00 pm
Good Luck Sakhi (Te)	(S-4)	4.15 pm, 7.00 pm

INOX LIVE THE MOVIE — Ph: 2533444 / 2533456

Hridayam (Ma)	(S-2)	11.25 am, 6.40 pm
	(S-4)	3.10 pm, 9.35 pm
Scream 5 (E)	(S-4)	12.25 am, 6.50 pm
83 (H)	(S-2)	3.05 pm
	(S-3)	11.55 am, 9.45 pm
Spider-Man: No Way Home (3D-E)	(S-1)	12.05 pm, 6.35 pm, 9.55 pm
Ombattthane Dikku (K)	(S-3)	3.30 pm
Sila Nerangalil Sila Manidhargal (Ta)	(S-4)	6.00 pm
DNA-Dhruva Nakshathra Akasha (K)	(S-3)	6.35 pm

PVR CINEMAS

Forum Centre City Mall, 2nd Floor. Mob: 8951357139

Hridayam (Ma)	:	11.00 am, 2.35 pm, 6.10 pm
Scream -2022 (E)	:	11.15 am, 4.50 pm, 7.25 pm
Ombatthane Dikku (K)	:	12.35 pm, 6.40 pm
Badava Rascal (K)	:	12.40 pm
DNA (K)	:	1.50 pm
Spider-Man: No Way Home (E-3D)	:	3.30 pm
Good Luck Sakhi (Te)	:	3.35 pm
Sila Nerangalil Sila Manithargal (Ta)	:	6.15 pm

1st Floor, Garuda Mall. Mob: 9901373210

Badava Rascal (K)	:	6.30 pm
Bangarraju (Te)	:	12.10 pm
Hridayam (Ma)	:	11.15 am, 2.50 pm, 6.25 pm
Pushpa (K)	:	12.00 noon
Ombatthane Dikku (K)	:	3.40 pm
DNA (K)	:	6.35 pm
Sila Nerangalil Sila Manithargal (Ta)	:	3.30 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Ombatthane Dikku (K)	(S-1)	10.45 am
	(S-4)	4.00 pm
		6.45 pm
DNA (K)	(S-1)	1.30 pm
		4.30 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

Theatre training workshop at Rangayana from Feb. 12

Mysuru, Feb. 3- In memory of theatre greats Subbaiah Naidu and *Padma Shri* Nagarathnamma, the city's theatre repertory Rangayana will be conducting a short-term (2 months) theatre workshop for youths in the age group of 18 to 35 years, starting at Rangayana premises from Feb. 12.

The workshop will mainly focus on imparting acting skills and techniques, while other activities such as music, costume design, lighting, stage design, make-up etc., will also be taught.

The training classes will be held daily from 5 pm till 8.30 pm. The admission fee for general category candidates is Rs. 4,000 and that for SC/ST candidates is Rs. 2,000. Those who successfully complete the 2-month training will be distributed certificates by Rangayana.

The admission will be based on an interview to take place at 10.30 am on Feb. 11.

The interested youths can attend the interview directly along with their Aadhaar card, caste certificate in respect of SC/ST candidates and other required documents. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2512629/ 39.

Shakespeare is an all time world's greatest dramatist: Prof. B.N. Balajee

Mysuru, Feb. 3 (SSM)- "William Shakespeare is an English playwright, poet and actor, widely regarded as the greatest writer in the English language and the world's greatest dramatist. Instead of just studying his works, all the students must conduct research on Shakespeare and his life," said St. Philomena's College retd. Professor and English Literature Scholar Prof. B.N. Balajee.

B.N. Balajee

He was delivering a special lecture on Shakespeare at 'Bhoomika' Theatre Camp organised by Rangavalli team in memory of theatre icon Jayateertha Joshi at Kalpa Kshetra auditorium in city and took part in 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' movie show.

Balajee explained how Shakespeare has become a great dramatist through his master pieces 'Macbeth', 'Hamlet', 'Julius Caesar' and 'Henry V'. He described Shakespeare's writing style and threw light on all the psycho pathetic roles that appear in his plays.

Environmentalist and Cinema Expert K. Manu spoke on the Shakespeare movie.

'Bhoomika' Theatre Camp Director Jeevan Kumar Heggodu, Rangavalli Team Secretary Rajesh, Convener Ravi Prasad, Niranthara Foundation, GPIER, Belaku Team Members and others were present.

Applications invited for Urban Rehabilitation Workers' post

Mysuru, Feb. 3 (ASC)- Applications have been invited for two posts of Urban Rehabilitation Workers from physically challenged persons living in Nanjangud City Municipal Council (CMC) limits.

Visually impaired, partial-hearing disability (mild and moderate) and differently abled candidates residing within the municipality limits, aged between 18 and 45 years, with a minimum qualification of a pass in SSLC and with computer knowledge can apply.

Women candidates will be given preference. The degree of 'Person with disability' (PWD) should be more than 40 percent and less than 75 percent.

Prescribed application forms can be obtained from the Office of Nanjangud City Municipal Council and the filled-in forms, along with relevant documents, identity card/ duly attested medical certificate and domicile or residence certificate must be submitted before 4.30 pm on Feb. 10.

For details, contact Urban Poverty Alleviation Cell (UPA Cell) Officer, according to a press release from Nanjangud CMC Commissioner.

MIA invites applications for free job training

Mysuru, Feb. 3 (SSM) - The Mysore Industries Association (MIA) is conducting a free job training programme for male candidates aged between 18 and 35 years.

Candidates belonging to all categories, who have passed in SSLC, will be provided training for machine operation, quality technician and CNC operator posts. The training period for machine and quality technician posts will be 2 months and 15 days, while training for CNC operator post is for 2 months.

Interested candidates may submit the application at MIA Office located at KIADB Complex, Metagalli Industrial Area on KRS Road, Mysuru. For details, contact Association Secretary on Mob: 99864-44654/ 93804-13861, according to a press release form Assistant Director, District Employment Exchange.

PRO KABADDI

Today's Matches (FEB. 3)

Jaipur Pink Panthers Vs **Dabang Delhi** 7.30 pm

Telugu Titans Vs **Tamil Thalaivas** 8.30 pm

Tomorrow's Matches (FEB. 4)

Haryana Steelers Vs **Bengal Warriors** 7.30 pm

Dabang Delhi Vs **Bengaluru Bulls** 8.30 pm

Gujarat Giants Vs **Patna Pirates** 9.30 pm

Yesterday's Results

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